[An asterisk *at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III

REFLECTIONS OF THE "MADRAS MAIL" ON THE MADRAS COUNCIL.

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, a certain leading article in one of the Madras dailies in which the attitude of the hon. the President of this Council has been referred to has been brought to my notice and with your permission, Sir, I propose to deal with the subject-matter to-morrow after question time."

IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that in addition to the days already allotted by His Excellency the Governor for non-official business, viz., 14th, 29th and 30th March 1927, His Excellency has allotted the 31st March 1927 as an extra day for non-official business."

B. TIME-LIMIT OF SPEECHES DURING THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Before we proceed to the order of the day —the general discussion of the budget—I should like to mention that under sub-rule (iii) of rule 28 of the Legislative Council Rules, I have fixed, according to the practice hitherto followed, a timelimit of 15 minutes for each hon. Member's speech during that discussion. The afternoon of the third day will be at the disposal of hon. Members of the Government to make their replies."

V

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

With reference to the undertaking given by the hon. the Minister for Development on 24th January 1927 in reply to question No. 22, the Secretary placed on the table copies of the note [a] embodying the information obtained by Government.

VI

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR 1926-27.

* Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Mr. President, Sir, as it is usual we are given an opportunity and the privilege of discussing the budget that has been recently introduced by the hon. the Finance Member. But when we consider the advantage accruing from the general discussion and even for the matter of that from the various discussions made after the general discussion on the budget we feel that this is merely a formal matter which will not materially affect either the budget or the policy of the Government. I find it extremely difficult to characterize the budget which is not in any way at great variance from the other budgets that we are having year after year. I cannot say it is disappointing because nothing better can be expected from the hands of the alien bureaucracy who, without having any sympathetic

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 215 infra.